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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE A STAMP DUTY ON WORK PERMITS

1. IN HIS APRIL 18 REVENUE PRESENTATION, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO ASSESS WHAT AMOUNTS TO A FIFTY DOLLAR PER MONTH STAMP DUTY ON THE ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMITS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS. WORK PERMITS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY FOR SOME MONTHS WITH A NUMBER OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN COMPLAINING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN PERMITS FOR KEY POSITIONS. THE LARGER BUSINESSES APPEAR TO HAVE NO PARTICULAR OBJECTIONS TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX, IF ONLY IT WOULD PERMIT THEM TO OBTAIN THE PERMITS FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL STAFF POSITIONS. INDIVIDUALS, OF COURSE, WILL FEEL MORE DIRECTLY THE FINANCIAL PINCH.

2. ON MAY 10 THE EMBASSY DELIVERED A NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH QUOTED SECTION 281 OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, AND IS AWAITING THE GOJ REACTION.
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